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<701>	Residential Local Service Charge Effective Date	1/1/2015
<702>	Single State-wide Residential Local Service Charge	

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(710) Broadband Price Offerings Data Collection Form FCC Form 481
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<810>	Reporting Carrier	BTC, Inc.
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<812>	Operating Company	BTC, Inc.

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(900) Tribal Lands Reporting
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<910> Tribal Land(s) on which ETC Serves

<920> Tribal Government Engagement Obligation

Name of Attached Document

If your company serves Tribal lands, please select (Yes, No, NA) for each these boxes to confirm the status described on the attached document(s), on line 920, demonstrates coordination with the Tribal government pursuant to § 54.313(a)(9) includes:

- <921> Needs assessment and deployment planning with a focus on Tribal community anchor institutions.
- <922> Feasibility and sustainability planning;
- <923> Marketing services in a culturally sensitive manner;
- <924> Compliance with Rights of way processes
- <925> Compliance with Land Use permitting requirements
- <926> Compliance with Facilities Siting rules
- <927> Compliance with Environmental Review processes
- <928> Compliance with Cultural Preservation review processes
- <929> Compliance with Tribal Business and Licensing requirements.

Select Yes or No or Not Applicable

(1100) No Terrestrial Backhaul Reporting
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<1120> Please confirm whether terrestrial backhaul options exist within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(g) (Yes, No).

<1130> Please select the appropriate response (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to confirm the reporting carrier offers broadband service of at least 1 Mbps downstream and 256 kbps upstream within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(g).

(1200) Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers Lifeline Data Collection Form	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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Name of Attached Document

<1220> Link to Public Website	HTTP http://www.westianet.com/content/page/residential-financial-assistance-programs
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"Please check these boxes below to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 1210, or the website listed, on line 1220, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.422(a)(2) annual reporting for ETCs receiving low-income support, carriers must annually report:

<1221> Information describing the terms and conditions of any voice telephony service plans offered to Lifeline subscribers,	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<1222> Details on the number of minutes provided as part of the plan,	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<1223> Additional charges for toll calls, and rates for each such plan.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

(2000) Price Cap Carrier Additional Documentation Data Collection Form <i>Including Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers</i>	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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Select the appropriate responses below (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to note compliance as a recipient of Incremental Connect America Phase I support, frozen High Cost support, High Cost support to offset access charge reductions, and Connect America Phase II support as set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(b),(c),(d),(e). The information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

Incremental Connect America Phase I reporting

- <2010>** 2nd Year Certification {47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)i}
- <2011a>** 3rd Year Certification {47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)ii}
- <2011b>** Attachment {47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)ii}

Name of Attached Document(s) Listing Required Information

Price Cap Carrier Receiving Frozen Support Certification {47 CFR § 54.312(a)}

- <2012>** 2013 Frozen Support Calculation {47 CFR § 54.313(c)(1)}
- <2013>** 2014 Frozen Support Calculation {47 CFR § 54.313(c)(2)}
- <2014>** 2015 Frozen Support Calculation {47 CFR § 54.313(c)(3)}
- <2015>** 2016 and future Frozen Support Calculation {47 CFR § 54.313(c)(4)}

Price Cap Carrier Connect America ICC Support {47 CFR § 54.313(d)}

- <2016>** Certification Support Used to Build Broadband

Connect America Phase II Reporting {47 CFR § 54.313(e)}

- <2017>** 3rd year Broadband Service Certification
- <2018>** 5th year Broadband Service Certification
- <2019>** Interim Progress Certification
- <2020>** Please check the box to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 2021, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313 (e)(3)(ii), as a recipient of CAF Phase II support shall provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year.

- <2021>** Interim Progress Community Anchor Institutions

Name of Attached Document(s) Listing Required Information

(3000) Rate Of Return Carrier Additional Documentation

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CHECK the boxes below to note compliance on its five year service quality plan (pursuant to 47 CFR § 54.202(a)) and, for privately held carriers, ensuring compliance with the financial reporting requirements set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2). I further certify that the information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

(3010) Progress Report on 5 Year Plan
Milestone Certification (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(i))

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

(3011) Please check this box to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 3012 contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313 (f)(1)(ii), the carrier shall provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year.

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(3012) Community Anchor Institutions (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(ii))

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

(3013) Is your company a Privately Held ROR Carrier (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2))

(Yes/No) ☒ ☒

(3014) If yes, does your company file the RUS annual report

(Yes/No) ☒ ☒

Please check these boxes to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 3017, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2) compliance requires:

(3015) Electronic copy of their annual RUS reports (Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers)

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(3016) Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows

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(3017) If the response is yes on line 3014, attach your company's RUS annual report and all required documentation

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

(3018) If the response is no on line 3014, is your company audited?

(Yes/No) ☒ ☒

If the response is yes on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission, on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:

(3019) Either a copy of their audited financial statement; or (2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications

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(3020) Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows

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(3021) Management letter and audit opinion issued by the independent certified public accountant that performed the company's financial audit

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If the response is no on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission, on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:

(3022) Copy of their financial statement which has been subject to review by an independent certified public accountant; or (2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers,

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(3023) Underlying information subjected to a review by an independent certified public accountant

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(3024) Underlying information subjected to an officer certification.

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(3025) Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows

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(3026) Attach the worksheet listing required information

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

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(3000) Rate Of Return Carrier Additional Documentation (Continued)

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Financial Data Summary

(3027) Revenue

(3028) Operating Expenses

(3029) Net Income

(3030) Telephone Plant In Service(TPIS)

(3031) Total Assets

(3032) Total Debt

(3033) Total Equity

(3034) Dividends

Certification - Reporting Carrier Data Collection Form	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF THE REPORTING CARRIER IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTING ON ITS OWN BEHALF:

Certification of Officer as to the Accuracy of the Data Reported for the Annual Reporting for CAF or LI Recipients	
I certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual reporting requirements for universal service support recipients; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported on this form and in any attachments is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier:	BTC Inc.
Signature of Authorized Officer:	Date
Printed name of Authorized Officer:	JANE MORLOK
Title or position of Authorized Officer:	CFO
Telephone number of Authorized Officer:	7126732311 ext.
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier:	359077
Filing Due Date for this form:	07/01/2015
Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.	

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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF AN AGENT IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTS ON THE CARRIER'S BEHALF:

Certification of Officer to Authorize an Agent to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier	
I certify that (Name of Agent) _____ is authorized to submit the information reported on behalf of the reporting carrier. I also certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual data reporting requirements provided to the authorized agent; and, to the best of my knowledge, the reports and data provided to the authorized agent is accurate.	
Name of Authorized Agent: _____	
Name of Reporting Carrier: _____	
Signature of Authorized Officer: _____	Date: _____
Printed name of Authorized Officer: _____	
Title or position of Authorized Officer: _____	
Telephone number of Authorized Officer: _____	
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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE AUTHORIZED AGENT:

Certification of Agent Authorized to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier	
I, as agent for the reporting carrier, certify that I am authorized to submit the annual reports for universal service support recipients on behalf of the reporting carrier; I have provided the data reported herein based on data provided by the reporting carrier; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported herein is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier: _____	
Name of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	
Signature of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	Date: _____
Printed name of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	
Title or position of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	
Telephone number of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	
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Attachments

FCC Form 481, Line 510: Certification of Compliance with Applicable Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules

CERTIFICATION OF BTC, INC.

Sec. 54.422(b)(3) Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules Compliance

Pursuant to § 54.422(b)(3) for Low-income Only Recipients, Carrier hereby certifies that it is in compliance with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules. The Carrier measures its service connection, held order, and service interruption performance monthly according to Iowa Administrative Code §199-22.6. Carrier is in compliance with all of the Iowa Utilities Board rules governing rates charged and service supplied by Telephone Utilities as outlined in Section 199, Chapter 22 of the Iowa Administrative Code. Carrier follows Customer Proprietary Network Information (CPNI) rules and also files the annual CPNI certification with the FCC pursuant to the FCC's current CPNI rules and regulations. Carrier has also implemented an Identity Theft Prevention Program in accordance with the Federal Trade Commission's current Red Flags Rule.

Available for inspection are the following items documenting our procedures for compliance:

- Carrier's service order catalog
- Service terms and conditions
- Sample notice to customers on matters related to privacy
- Procedures for notice to customers of rate changes
- Notice to customers of Truth-In-Billing requirements
- Notice to customers of complaint procedures
- Disability accessibility notification
- Procedure for receiving emergency calls during non-business hours

I verify that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on June 29, 2015.

/s/ Jane Morlok

Jane Morlok, CFO
BTC, Inc.

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FCC Form 481, Line 610: Certification Regarding Ability to Function in Emergency Situations

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CERTIFICATION OF BTC, INC.

Sec. 54.422(b)(4) Ability to Function in an Emergency Situation

Pursuant to § 54.422(b)(4) for Low-income Only Recipients, Carrier hereby certifies that it is able to function in emergency situations as set forth in § 54.202(a)(2). Carrier is able to remain functional in an emergency situation through the use of back-up power to ensure functionality without an external power source. Carrier has backup battery (or equivalent power) reserve in its central office, which enables it to maintain a minimum of two hours of backup power to ensure functionality without an external power source if external power is lost. Carrier's network is engineered to handle reasonable excess traffic in the event of traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations. Carrier has redundancy in its network for use in re-routing traffic when facilities are damaged.

I verify that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on June 29, 2015.

/s/ Jane Morlok

Jane Morlok, CFO
BTC, Inc.

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BTC, Inc.

Lifeline Terms and Conditions

BTC, Inc. offers Lifeline program-supported service to qualified low-income residential consumers for one telephone line per eligible household. The lifeline program provides discounts to eligible low-income consumers to help them establish and maintain telephone service. Lifeline assistance lowers the cost of basic, monthly local telephone service. Eligible consumers can receive \$9.25 per month in discounts. In addition, the Federal Universal Service Charge is not assessed to consumers participating in Lifeline. Toll blocking prevents the placement of all long distance calls for which a subscriber would be charged. Toll block is available to eligible consumers at no cost. Also, by choosing this option, consumers are usually not charged a deposit.

Lifeline Program Eligibility Information

Program Based Eligibility

Consumers are eligible for Lifeline if they, one of their dependents or their household participate in one of the following qualifying assistance programs:

Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
Federal Public Housing Assistance (Section 8)
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
Medicaid
National School Lunch Program's Free Lunch
Program Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

Lifeline applicants must present documentation demonstrating eligibility either through participation in one of the qualifying federal assistance programs or through income-based means.

Acceptable documentation of program-based eligibility includes: current or prior year's statement of benefits from a qualifying state federal or Tribal program; notice letter of participation in a qualifying state federal or Tribal program; program participation documents; or another official document evidencing the consumer's participation in a qualifying state, federal or Tribal program.

Income Based Eligibility

In addition, consumers are eligible for Lifeline if their household income is at or below 135% of the federal poverty guidelines.

2015 Federal Poverty Guidelines – 135%

Household Size	48 Contiguous States and D.C.	Alaska	Hawaii
1	\$15,889	\$19,872	\$18,292
2	\$21,505	\$26,892	\$24,745
2	\$27,121	\$33,912	\$31,198
4	\$32,737	\$40,932	\$37,651
5	\$38,353	\$47,952	\$44,104
6	\$43,969	\$54,972	\$50,557
7	\$49,585	\$61,992	\$57,010
8	\$55,201	\$69,012	\$63,463
Each Add'l Person	\$5,616	\$7,020	\$6,452

Acceptable documentation of income eligibility includes: prior year's state, federal or Tribal tax return; current income statement from an employer or paycheck stub; social security statement of benefits; Veterans Administration statement of benefits; retirement/pension statement of benefits; unemployment/workmen's compensation statement of benefits; federal or Tribal notice of letter participating in General Assistance; or a divorce decree or child support award or other official document containing income information.

Number of Minutes-of-Use provided as Part of Lifeline Program Service

The Company's Voice Lifeline service includes unlimited local minutes of use within the toll-free calling area. The Company's Voice Lifeline Plan does not include any free minutes of use for toll. Toll is billed at the standard toll rate depending on which interexchange carrier the consumer subscribes to for toll service. As part of the Life Service, Toll Blocking is available to eligible consumers at no cost.

Rates

Subscribers may receive the Lifeline credit on any type or grade of local service, including bundled services that are normally offered by the Company. Advertised rates do not include any applicable taxes or surcharges.

Recertification of Lifeline Eligibility

Lifeline recipients are required to recertify their eligibility annually. Failure to properly recertify a recipient's continued eligibility for the Lifeline program will result in termination of the Lifeline recipient's monthly Lifeline discount and de-enrollment from the Lifeline Program.

Additional Lifeline Program Information

The Lifeline program is limited to one benefit per household, consisting of either wireline or wireless service. A household is defined, for purposes of the Lifeline program, as an individual or group of individuals who live together at the same address and share income and expenses. Lifeline is a government benefit program, and consumers who willfully make false statements in order to obtain the benefit can be punished by fine or imprisonment or can be barred from the program.

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(800) Operating Companies

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	Prairie Telephone Co., Inc.	351344	Western Iowa Networks
	Westside Independent Telephone Company	351335	Western Iowa Networks